



# MURNEY NEWS

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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### OVERVIEW OF THE MONTH

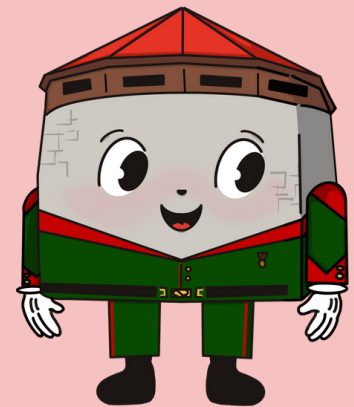
The weather has modemed up and the sun seems to be shining. It is perfect to go out for a walk or a swim and visit us here at the Murney Tower Museum. From guided tours to new exhibits, bilingual panels to a new audio tour, there is something for everyone here at the museum.

Please give a big welcome to the museum's new mascot, **Mr. Murney!!** Mr. Murney is created by our talented Museum Assistant, Matty Tofts as part of their marketing tasks. We hope to use Mr. Murney to spread positivity within our community and get more people engaged with the museum.

This month witnessed two important community events, the Curator-in-Training Day and the first edition of our annual community event, Murney Fest!! Both events engaged more than 250 people with the unique history of the tower. Read on to learn more about these successful events.

We have so much more to look forward to next month! Mark your calendars and join our manager and curator, Simge Erdogan-O'Connor for a unique professional development workshop on **August 24th**. In this webinar, Simge will discuss the importance of improved accessibility in museums. You can register by following the link [here](#).

### Meet Mr. Murney



**Professional Development**  
with Kingston & Area Association of Museums,  
Art Galleries + Historic Sites

**Improved Accessibility in Museums:  
Consultation, Design and Co-Creation**

**SIMGE ERDOGAN-O'CONNOR,**  
MANAGER, MURNEY TOWER MUSEUM

THURSDAY AUGUST 24TH, 2023  
FROM 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

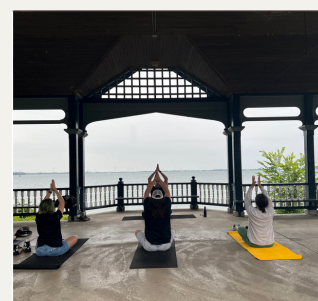
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## Murney Fest 2023

It was amazing to see so many people join us to celebrate Murney Towers' 98th Birthday!! On Saturday, July 29th, we celebrated the museum's 98th anniversary. The participants indulged their senses in a myriad of exciting activities both indoors and outdoors. They stretched their body and mind with a soothing yoga session amidst the picturesque surroundings. They let their creative juices flow as they joined our engaging oil painting workshop, where they created a masterpiece to take home! But that was not all! More than 50 kids and family groups engaged in a friendly game of treasure hunt, where laughter and joy were in abundance. We would like to thank the Museum of Healthcare at Kingston, Marine Museum of the Great Lakes at Kingston, Scout's Museum, and Kingston 98.3 MOVE radio station for joining our celebration and helping us offer an unforgettable day of merriment and cultural appreciation



## Curator-in-Training

Our social media and educational program assistant Matty and our manager and curator Simge developed a new onsite program called the "Curator-in-Training." This unique collection program took place on July 7th and introduced youth to the behind-the-scenes of curatorial work and the museum's unique collections.

The young curators were first given a tour of the tower and explored all three floors of our amazing site. Then they joined our curator, Simge on the gun platform for an exclusive collection handling workshop. They got a special opportunity to explore and examine artifacts and create their own exhibits to be displayed at the museum. We had a wonderful day with future curators and we look forward to offering more educational activities next month!

